

# ABSTRACT

Of the LAWS now in Force against  
Popery and PAPISTS.

*Publish'd for General Information.*

**T**HE second Refusal of the Oath of Supremacy punish'd as *High Treason*, 5 *Eliz.* 1.

To maintain or Extol Authority of the See of Rome, the second time, *High Treason*, 5 *Eliz.* 1.

To obtain or put in Use any Bull from Rome, *High Treason*, 13 *Eliz.* 2.

To perswade or Reconcile, OR TO BE RECONCILED to the Roman Religion, *High Treason*, 23 *Eliz.* 1. & 3 *Jac.* 4.

For Jesuite or Priest made by Authority from the Pope, to come into, or remain in the Kings Dominions, *High Treason*, 27 *Eliz.* 2.

So for remaining in a Seminary six Months after Proclamation, and afterward Returning, *High Treason*, 27 *Eliz.* 1.

For concealing of a Bull or other Instrument from Rome, or reconciliation offer'd, Punish'd as *Misprision of Treason*, 13 *Eliz.* 2.

To maintain or conceal those who perswade, or are Reconcil'd to the Roman Religion, *Misprision of Treason*, 33 *Eliz.* 1.

To Receive, Relieve, Comfort Jesuite or Priest, knowing him to be such, Punish'd as Felony, 27 *Eliz.* 2.

To go and serve a Forreign Prince, having not before taken the Oath of Allegiance, and Entred Bond not to be Reconciled to the Roman Religion, Felony, 3 *Jac.* 4.

The first Refusal of the Oath of Supremacy, is Punish'd as in Case of a *Premunire*, which imports a forfeiture of all Lands and Goods, Imprisonment for Life, and a Deprivation of the Benefit of Law, 5 *Eliz.* 1.

To set forth or defend Power Spiritual in the See of Rome, *Premunire*, 5 *Eliz.* 1.

To Bring or Receive any *Agnus Dei*, Crosses, Pictures, or such like from Rome, *Premunire*, 13 *Eliz.* 2. 23 *Eliz.* 1.

To aid any Person who hath put in Use any Bull from the See of Rome, *Premunire*, 13 *Eliz.* 2. 23 *Eliz.* 1.

To send or give Relief to any remaining in Colleges or Seminaries beyond Sea, *Premunire*, 17 *Eliz.* 2.

Refusal of the Oath of Allegiance upon the second Tenders, *Premunire*, 3 *Jac.* 4. & 7 *Jac.* 6.

For not discovering of Priests made beyond the Seas, *Imprisonment*, 27 *Eliz.* 2.

Upon Indictment of Recusancy, by Proclamation, *Imprisonment*, 19 *Eliz.* 6.

Those that are not able, or fail to pay their Forfeitures, are to be Imprisoned until Payment of Conformity, 13 *Eliz.* 1.

Women Covert Imprisoned for Refusal of the Oath of Allegiance, 3 *Jac.* 4.

For Non-payment of twelve pence for every Sunday, *Imprisonment*, 3 *Jac.* 4.

Women Covert Convicted for Recusancy Imprisoned till her Husband pay ten pounds a Month, or a third part of his Lands, 7 *Jac.* 6.

Standing Excommunicated for Recusancy, House may be broken up for his Apprehension, 7 *Jac.* 6.

Those who shall forbear to come to Church by the space of twelve Months, bound to good Behaviour, with Surety in the Kings Bench, 23 *Eliz.* 1.

Every Recusant is Confin'd to five Miles Compass for Life, 23 *Eliz.* 2. To ten Miles distance from London, 3 *Jac.* 5.

Not to come into the the House where the King, or his Heir apparent is, 3 *Jac.* 5.

For absence from Church Service every Sunday, twelve pence forfeited, 1 *Eliz.* 2.

And for every Holy day twelve pence forfeited, 3 *Jac.* 4.

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For absence from Common-Prayer, every Month, twenty Pounds forfeited, 23 Eliz. 1. 3 Jac. 4.

For default of payment of twenty Pounds a Month, all Goods, two parts of Land or Leases forfeited, 29 Eliz. 6. & 3 Jac. 4.

At the Kings Election to take or refuse twenty Pounds a Month, or to take two parts of the Recusants Estates, 3 Jac. 4.

All Copy-hold Lands of Recusants forfeited, 25 Eliz. 2.

The Forfeitures of the Ancestor charged upon his Heir, being a Recusant, 1 Jac. 4.

A Recusant forfeits for not receiving the Sacrament according to the Service-Book, the first year Twenty-pounds, the second year Forty-pounds, the third year, and every year after Sixty-pounds, 3 Jac. 4.

To the Presenter out of the Recusants Goods, Forty Shillings forfeited, 3 Jac. 4.

For every Recusant sojourner and Servant, ten Pounds for every Month forfeited, 3 Jac. 4.

Two parts of Dower or Joynture of a Married Woman forfeited, 3 Jac. 5.

Coming to Court, an Hundred Pound forfeited, 3 Jac. 5.

For not Baptizing of Children according to the Service-Book publickly, within a Month after their Birth, an hundred Pound forfeited, 3 Jac. 5.

For Marrying otherwise than by a Minister, an hundred Pounds forfeited, 3 Jac. 5.

For Burying out of the Church or Churchyard, an hundred Pounds forfeited, 3 Jac. 5.

For sending Children beyond Seas without License, an hundred Pounds forfeited, 1 Jac. 4.

For maintaining a School-Master not going to Church or allowed to Teach, for every Month ten Pounds forfeited, 23 Eliz. 1. & 29 Eliz. 6.

And Forty Shillings *per Diem* forfeited by the School-Master and Recusant that keeps him, 1 Jac. 4.

All Goods and Lands during Life, for Breach of Confinement forfeited, 23 Eliz. 2. & 3 Jac. 5.

The like Forfeiture for going or sending Children beyond the Seas to be Bred in Popery, 3 Car. 2.

For Residing within ten Miles of London an hundred Pounds forfeited, 3 Jac. 5.

For Practising any Function expressed in the Statute of 3 Jac. 5. an hundred Pounds forfeited, 3 Jac. 5.

Disabled to Reverse Indictment for want of Form or other Defect, 3 Jac. 4.

Disabled from the Practice of several Functions, whereby to gain their Livings, viz. from practising Common Law, Civil Law, or being a Steward, Attorney, Solicitor or Officer in any Court; from Practising Physick, or being Apothecary, and from Bearing any Office in Camp, Troop or Band of Soldiers, or in any Ship, Castle or Fortress, 3 Jac. 5.

By the Wifes Recusancy, the Husband Disabled from publick Office or Charge in the Common Wealth, 3 Jac. 5.

By Marrying otherwise than the Church of England alloweth, the Husband Disabled to be Tenant by Courtisie, the Wife disabled to have Dower, Joyniture, Free Barks, or any part or Portion of her Husbands Goods, 3 Jac. 5.

Disabled to Sue or Prosecute Actions, to present to a Benefice, to be Executor, Administrator or Guardian, 3 Jac. 5.

Children sent beyond the Seas without License, are disabled to take Benefit of Gift, Conveyance, Descent or Devise, 1 Jac. 4. & 3 Jac. 5.

Saying Mass forfeits 200 Marks, and Imprisonment for one year, and thence forwards till the 200 Marks be paid; and to hear Mass, 100 Marks, and a years Imprisonment, Stat. 25. Eliz. Cap. 1.

Notwithstanding these Forfeitures, Recusants are no less subject to Ecclesiastical Sentences, 23 Eliz. 1. & 3 Jac. 45. [But Quære, How many of these Laws have been Executed against Papists for this seven years last past?] Refusal to Receive the Sacrament, and take the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, *Ipso facto* disables from any publick Trust, 25 Car. 2. ca. 2.

Peers and Members of Parliament disabled to Sit, until taking of Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and declaring against Transubstantiation and the Idolatry of Rome, 30. Car. 2. Stat. 2.